

Shear, G. Leslie

(Archaeologist, Columbia University,
and Yonkers, NY), 1910-1930

Proposed by *Samuel H. Eiden*
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TO THE SECRETARY OF

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

DEAR SIR:

PLEASE PROPOSE MY NAME AS ANNUAL ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY. UPON NOTIFICATION OF MY ELECTION, I WILL SEND MY CHECK FOR FIVE (5) DOLLARS

YOURS TRULY,

NAME *T. Leslie Shear*

ADDRESS *468 Riverside Drive*

NOTE: THE SUM OF FIFTY (50) DOLLARS PAID AT ANY TIME UPON ELECTION CONSTITUTES A LIFE MEMBERSHIP AND IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER PAYMENTS

May 31, 1910.

Mr. T. Leslie Shear,
453 Riverside Drive,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have the honor to inform you that you were elected an Associate Member of the American Numismatic Society, on the 28th of May, 1910.

I am sending under separate cover, a copy of the Constitution and By-laws.

Very respectfully,

Secretary.

211 W. B'way

457 FOREST AVENUE,
PORTLAND, MAINE.

June 4, 1910

Mr. Bauman L. Belden,
Secy, American Humismatic Society,
Dear Sir:

It gives me pleasure
to acknowledge the receipt of
the notification of my election
as an associate member of the
American Humismatic Society.

Please find enclosed check for
\$5.00 in payment of membership
fee for current year

Very truly yours
T. Leslie Shear

~~468 RIVERSIDE DRIVE~~
~~NEW YORK CITY~~

211 North Broadway,
Yonkers, New York.

October 10, 1919

Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 156 Street,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Please be advised of my change of address from
468 Riverside Drive, New York City, to 211 North Broadway,
Yonkers, New York.

Very truly yours

T. Leslie Shear

~~488 RIVERSIDE DRIVE~~
~~NEW YORK CITY~~

211 North Broadway
Yonkers, New York

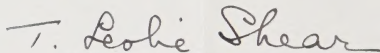
March 29, 1920

Treasurer,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155 Street.

Dear Sir:

I can find no record of having received notice
or made payment of my dues for 1920 as a member of the
Numismatic Society. I do not desire to be in arrears
to the Society and enclose herewith check for \$5.

Very truly yours


T. Leslie Shear

November 30th, 1920.

Dr. T. Leslie Shear,
211 North Broadway,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Shear:-

I have not forgotten that you promised us a talk for one of our evening meetings this year. If I remember aright you asked that it come after February first. Our February meeting would fall on February seventh. Would this be too early? If so, might we count on you for the March meeting? I am trying to plan for the winter's meetings, hence this query.

With cordial regards to yourself and to Mrs. Shear, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

211 North Broadway
Yonkers, New York

December 1, 1920

Dear Mr. Noe:

I shall be glad to give a brief talk, about 15 minutes or did you wish them limited to 10 min.? either at the February or the March meeting. The subject will be "Coins illustrating the cult statue of the Sardinian Artemis", and the talk will be accompanied with lantern slides.

Please let me know if such a subject will fit in with your program and which date you select for my appearance.

With very kind regards believe me

Sincerely yours

T. Leslie Shear

December 4th, 1920

Professor T. Leslie Shear
211 North Broadway
Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Professor Shear:

Thank you for your note of December 1st. The subject you mention promises us an interesting evening. There is no need to limit yourself to fifteen minutes - in fact, we should like it as well if it ran beyond that.

Mr. Newell or some other of our members may present a somewhat similar or contrasting phase of this nature at the same meeting. May we then count on you for the meeting of February 7th?

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

December 10th, 1920

Professor T. Leslie Shear
211 North Broadway
Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Professor Shear:

In talking with Mr. Newell about the coming meetings, we feel that it is preferable to have you speak at the March meeting. You need not limit yourself to a half-hour; and anything that you might have which would give a personal touch to your subject, such as snapshots which you may have taken, would prove interesting to our members, I am sure.

Our machine is suitable for either slides or postcards, or other illustrations of postcard size which, however, must be mounted on thin cardboard.

This may seem a long time ahead to make plans, but, as you know, the weeks pass quickly and our March meeting will soon be here.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary

SPN/E

January 15th, 1921.

Prof. T. Leslie Shear,
211 North Broadway,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Prof. Shear:-

As you doubtless know, the number of our Fellows is limited to one hundred and fifty, and we can only promote our Associates to the class of Fellows when there is a death or resignation. Such a vacancy now exists, and I beg to enquire whether you would care to have me present your name to the Council as a Fellow. If you concur in this invitation, your name can be presented at the February meeting.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

211 North Broadway
Yonkers, New York

January 18, 1921

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:

I shall be very glad to become a Fellow-member of the Numismatic Society if available for that honor and if elected by the Council.

Permit me to congratulate you on your monograph on Coin Hoards. I have just read it with much interest and find it useful and valuable.

Very sincerely yours

T. Leslie Spear

Transmitted Mr. Spear

E. T. Newell

Received February 17, 1921

January 19th, 1921

W. Leslie Shear, Esq.
111 North Broadway
Yonkers, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Shear:

Thank you for your note of January 15th and its kind
word regarding my booklet.

I shall present your name at the next meeting of the
Council, and your transfer to the class of Fellows will
undoubtedly take place then.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

February 17th, 1921.

Dr. T. Leslie Shear,
211 North Broadway,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Shear:-

It gives me especial pleasure to inform you that at the last meeting of the Council of The American Humismatic Society you were unanimously elected a Fellow.

For your information may I state that Fellows may compound their dues by a payment of two hundred and fifty dollars - thereby becoming Fellows for life, and relieved from the payment of further dues.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

February 25th, 1921.

Dr. T. Leslie Shear,
211 North Broadway,
Yonkers, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Shear:-

I am sending several cards for your lecture on March 7th. If you will send me the addresses of any others to whom you would wish cards sent, I should be very glad to have them mailed from here.

I hope we shall be fortunate in having good weather as well as a good audience.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

COINS MADE BY CROESUS GIRL LEADS MAN TO UNEARTHED BANDIT

Museum Here to Get Share of
Find Made by American
Archaeologists.

Lured to Trap, Victim Is Bound,
Robbed and Shot at
Lonely Spot.

The greatest discovery in archaeology in a decade was made known to-day by Dr. T. Leslie Shear, an archaeologist of Columbia University, in the finding, among the ruins of the ancient city of Sardis, capital of Lydia, in Asia Minor, recently of thirty gold coins which are declared to have composed a part of the vast fortune of King Croesus.

Croesus, whose name is a household word for immense wealth wherever languages are spoken, was the last king of Lydia. He ascended the throne in the year 561 B. C. The coins just found are said to belong to the first series of such pieces of money ever minted.

Several have their surfaces worn, indicating that they were circulated about among the Lydian merchants for quite a period. The coins are believed to have been minted between the year Croesus was crowned and 541 B. C., when Cyrus, the more powerful Persian ruler, deposed him.

MUSEUM TO GET FIFTEEN.

Unusual local interest attaches to the great "find" from the seemingly well-founded report that the Metropolitan Museum of Art is to be allocated fifteen of the interesting golden tokens.

The coins are described as being as bright as fresh-minted United States gold pieces, but lighter in shade because made of pure gold.

The only Croesus gold coins in existence before the latest discovery are five in the British museum. These last are badly worn, the lion's and bull's heads being almost oblit-

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 14.—Lured to a bridge by a woman, shot and robbed by a bandit, then bound with picture wire, was the unusual experience of A. W. Hastings, who is suffering to-day from a wounded shoulder and lacerated wrists at White Plains Hospital.

Hastings, who is thirty-two, and lives at No. 22 William street, was near a carnival in Central avenue, when a woman, stylishly dressed, asked him to escort her through a dark street to Hopkins avenue bridge. As the two reached the spot, a young man, armed with a revolver, held Hastings up, shot him in the shoulder, and then, aided by the woman, tied his hands with wire. They took his gold watch and \$28 and ran to a nearby street, where they jumped into an automobile owned by Angelo Lango and drove away.

STATE TROOPERS SEARCH.

State troopers and the police of surrounding villages and towns were immediately notified, and search was made of all roads.

Hastings had attended the carnival alone and had started for home when the woman approached him.

"Would you escort me to the bridge. I am alone and rather afraid," she said.

Hastings looked at her and noticed she was well dressed, about twenty-eight years old, and wearing a brown straw hat.

Hastings and the woman walked along and soon reached the bridge, not speaking a word.

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Dr. Shear was a member of the expedition that made the important discovery. With him were Mrs. Shear, who is an authority on ancient painting and decorative art; W. R. Berry, E. R. Holden, an architect; Edward Stoeber, engineer of the expedition, and Cyrus McCormick and son, of Chicago. The work of excavating the ruins of the ancient city is being directed by Prof. Howard Crosby Butler, of Princeton, who did not reach the scene until after the find was made.

The coins, which were taken from a tomb, are believed to have been concealed by their wealthy owner while Sardis was being besieged by the army of King Cyrus.

Historians of ancient peoples have always found a never-ending source of keenest enjoyment in delving into the Rockefeller-like fortunes of some of the ancient rulers. The best known of these, at least to the every-day reader, was Croesus. Legend attributes the source of the gold from which the coins used by this monarch were made to the sands of the River Pactolus. The precious metal is fabled to have flowed into these sands from King Midas when he washed away his "touch of gold" in the waters of the stream.

Hastings tipped his hat and asked her if everything was all right when a young man, about twenty-five, appeared and thrust a revolver in his face.

"How much money have you got?" the man asked.

"About fifty cents," replied Hastings.

"Don't try to get away with that amount," the man said as he struck Hastings alongside the face.

All this while the woman remained motionless. She stood to one side and never uttered a word.

Hastings then advanced a step and the man fired. The bullet struck Hastings in the left shoulder.

WOMAN AIDS BANDIT.

Realizing that Hastings could not fight, the man pulled from his pocket a piece of picture wire about three feet in length. As he did so the woman stepped forward and assisted the hold-up man in tying Hastings' wrists together behind his back.

The man then shoved Hastings to the sidewalk and took from his pockets the watch and money. Hastings heard the man speak to the woman about tying him to a tree.

Hastings managed to stagger a block, where two negroes took off the wire.

FIND CROESUS' COINS

Gold Money, First Minted, May
Come to United States

New York, June 14. — Thirty gold coins belonging to the first series of gold coins ever minted have been unearthed by American archeologists who are working on the buried ruins of Sardis, the ancient Lydian capital in Asia Minor. Fifteen of them may come to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

News of this discovery was brought to the United States by Dr. T. Leslie Shear, an archeologist of Columbia University, one of the members of the expedition, who was present at the discovery.

The coins are those of Croesus, the last king of Lydia and the first great international banker, whose name has been a symbol for wealth for thousands of years. The coins were minted some time between 561 B. C., when Croesus ascended the throne of Lydia, and 546, when he was captured by Cyrus, the Persian King. Some of them are as bright as new-minted pieces of United States gold money. They are lighter in hue, as they are of pure gold.

Mr J. Leslie Shaw's
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Name

Address

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The American Numismatic Society

156th Street and Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Enclosed find cheque to your order for \$.....

in payment for

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Bronze

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Dr. T. Leslie Shear
Batter Road
Princeton

N.J.

Nov 17. / 92

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BATTLE ROAD
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY


November 20, 1922

Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway & 155 Street
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly note my change of address
from 211 North Broadway, Yonkers, New York to
Battle Road, Princeton, New Jersey and oblige

Yours very truly



T. Leslie Shear
T. Leslie Shear

Jan. 22, 1930

Professor T. L/ Shear

Princeton, N.J.

Dear Sir:

Our bank to-day returned the enclosed cheque which you sent us for Fellowship Dues for 1930, because of the alteration in the date, as you will see by the checking. We are sorry to have to put you to the inconvenience of sending us another cheque.

Yours very truly,

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